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MAKING AIIMS AN AUTONOMOUS BODY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to make the AIIMS an autonomous body outside the Administrative control of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the functioning of AIIMS as a regular hospital has adversely affected the research work for which the Institute was set up; and

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): All India Institute of Medical Sciences is an autonomous body set up under an Act of Parliament. AIIMS is administered through its bodies as per the provisions of the Act and enjoys full autonomy in patient care, teaching, research and administrative matters. The institute is however accountable to the Government/legislature, as it is completely funded by the Government.

(c) & (d) :The institute has been carrying out research on topics of national importance since its inception. The institute deals with extra-mural research projects funded by various national and international agencies like DST, CSIR, ICMR, WHO, etc. In spite of heavy patient load, the AIIMS is carrying out excellent research and publishing the results in national and international journals, which are peer reviewed. Since the patient care services and research activities are inter-related, the research work cannot be isolated from the work relating to clinical care. However, in order to reduce the inflow of patients coming to AIIMS from outside, the Government is setting up six AIIMS like institutions under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya SurakshaYojana in other parts of the country.